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Scout It Out Loud

*JTF-NSJ Commander welcomes arriving troops:
"When you see those Boy Scouts having fun, you're gonna have fun too."*

Story by Army Sgt. Brentan Debysingh

Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling, the Joint Task Force-National Scout Jamboree Commander, welcomed hundreds of servicemembers assigned to support the National Scout Jamboree Friday at Wilcox Camp field.

In his address to the troops, Yingling emphasized the themes of alertness, safety and security, because this jamboree is the first since 9/11.

"The operative words for this jamboree are safe and secure," said Yingling. "Our job is to ensure the safety and security of some 270,000 visitors, so they can have some fun."

The military has been supporting the Boy Scouts of America since the first scout jamboree in 1937, and the National Scout Jamboree has been held here since 1981. The military has provided personnel, equipment and services.

Yingling stressed that all military personnel are also safety officers and should report any unsafe acts by anyone, no matter how insignificant.

Yingling also placed attention to servicemembers' hydration because of the recent high temperatures and humidity within the region. Maintaining hydration is an essential factor against becoming a



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner

Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling addresses the servicemembers supporting the 2005 National Scout Jamboree on Friday, July 22. About 42,000 Scouts and 270,000 visitors will attend the 10 day event at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

Weather

Today



Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, with lots of sunshine late. Hot and humid. Heat index near 110F. High 98F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tomorrow



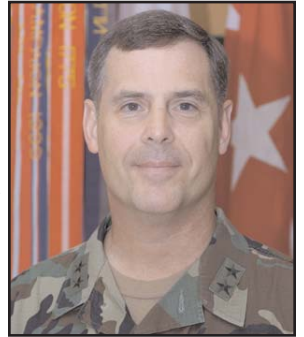
Mostly sunny, high of 99F with lots of sunshine. Hot and humid, humidity at 60%. Chance of showers in the evening hours.

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Joint Task Force National Scout Jamboree

Commander's Welcome



I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to Fort A.P. Hill and the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. From July 25th through August 3rd you will be supporting an expected 42,000 Boy Scouts and their adult leaders and more than 270,000 visitors. In other words, you will be supporting what will be considered the seventh largest city in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To state the obvious this is a huge responsibility.

This responsibility is one that I take very seriously and one that I have no doubt that each of you will take it just as serious. All of your pre-combat checks and inspections must be performed prior to arriving because you must arrive here on day one ready to perform your mission. Make sure your fellow Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors, Coast Guardsman, and civilians are also ready to perform. Each of us must live up to the Warrior Ethos: I will always place the mission first; I will never accept defeat; I will never quit; and I will never leave a fallen comrade behind. The Scout's motto is "Be Prepared." Prepared we will be.

Having a safe and secure Jamboree for all involved is our goal. This is the first Jamboree since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Thus, we are in a new normal. There will be stringent security measures in place; however, your help is needed to ensure the safety of all. Everyone is a sensor. If you sense something is wrong, out of place, or just doesn't seem right report it immediately to your chain of command.

The theme of the 2005 Jamboree is, "On My Honor - Timeless Values." The Army embodies the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. The Boy Scouts embody the Scout Laws of trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. I have every confidence that each of you will live up to these values and be good role models to the Scouts while we support them during the Jamboree.

During conversations and interaction with Scouts I encourage you to share your military experiences and, if you were a Boy Scout, your personal scouting experiences with them and explain how the two relate.

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Military support of the Jamboree, which is provided under the provisions of public law authorized by Congress, offers you an excellent mission-oriented training opportunity to sharpen your skills during this major operation providing logistics, security, public affairs, transportation, medical, firefighting, and communications support. I guarantee that you will find this experience both personally and professionally rewarding. Take full advantage of this great opportunity to train and make a positive impact on young people's lives.

HOOAH!

JOHN A. YINGLING
Major General, USA
Commander,
Joint Task Force-National Scout Jamboree

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heat casualty, and Yingling stressed usage of the buddy system in ensuring that servicemembers are drinking water.

A former Cub Scout himself, Yingling authorized servicemembers who were former Boy Scouts to wear their highest ranking badge on their military uniform and thanked them for their service. Yingling ranked the Boy

Scouts of America very high on the list of all things American, right up there with Mom and apple pie.

In addition to 42,000 Boy Scouts, there will be more than 7,000 Boy Scout staff members attending to ensure the jamboree runs smoothly.

Soldiers have created exhibits and demonstrations in the Army Adventure Area, which include some of the newest tactical vehicles used by military personnel. Soldiers will be manning stations and will be available to answer any questions. The Boy Scouts and servicemembers have

with the Boy Scouts.

Terrorism awareness was also a key point in Yingling's address. He cited the recent London attacks as grounds for servicemembers to be attentive in all aspects of their respective situations.

"We live in a new normal," said

Yingling. "We will take the appropriate actions so we can mitigate what they throw at us."

Some units have soldiers who have just returned from the Iraq or Afghanistan and

some units will deploy in the future and are using the NSJ as a training event to prepare for an overseas deployment.

In the upcoming week, the NSJ is sure to bring new experiences, training and excitement for all involved.

How many of you were Boy Scouts?

- Maj. Gen. Yingling, to Friday's formation.
About half raised their hands.

many similarities in values and character.

At one point, Yingling asked how many former Boy Scouts were in attendance, and more than half of the servicemembers raised their hands.

Yingling also encouraged servicemembers to share their adventures and stories



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner, 358th MPAD

Master Sgt. Andrew Barricklow, an operations sergeant with the 724th Military Police Battalion, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., takes charge of servicemembers gathered to hear Maj. Gen. Yingling's welcome briefing at Wilcox Camp field Friday.

A History of Fort A.P. Hill

Fort A.P. Hill was named in honor of Lt. Gen. Ambrose Powell Hill, a Virginia native who distinguished himself as a Confederate commander during the Civil War. Rising from colonel to major general in three months, General Hill took command of one of Gen. Robert E. Lee's three corps in 1863. Two years later, as Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's forces laid siege to Petersburg, Va., Gen. Hill was mortally wounded as he rode his stallion, Champ, to the front. One week later, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox.

On June 11, 1941, Fort A.P. Hill was established as an Army training facility, pursuant to War Department General Order No. 5. In its first year, the installation was used as a maneuver area for the II Army Corps and for three activated National Guard divisions from the Mid-Atlantic states. In the autumn of 1942, Fort A.P. Hill was the staging area for the headquarters and corps troops of Maj. Gen. Patton's Task Force A, which invaded French Morocco in North Africa. During the early years of World War II, the post continued to be a training site for corps and division-sized units.

During the Korean War, Fort A.P. Hill was a major staging area for units deploying to Europe, including the VII Corps Headquarters and the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. The fort was the major center for Engineer Officer Candidate School training (students from Fort Belvoir) during the Vietnam War.

Today Fort A.P. Hill is a training and maneuver center focused on providing realistic joint and combined arms training. All branches of the Armed Forces train at Fort A.P. Hill and the installation has also hosted training from foreign allies. Fort A.P. Hill's state-of-the-art training facilities and ranges, and professional support staff, continue to ensure America's Armed Forces have the edge needed to win in 21st Century battle space.

The installation has also hosted the Boy Scouts of America's National Jamboree in 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, 1997 and 2001. The number of participants each time included approximately 35,000 Boy Scouts and some 250,000 visitors.

Scouts, Soldiers and the Bridge Between

At the Army Adventure Area, the resourceful river-crossers of the C/577 Engineer Battalion show visiting Scouts what it's like on the other side

Story/Photos by Army Sgt. Joseph A. Morris, 361st PCH

They're usually building bridges to cross troops over raging rivers under fire, but this week some Army engineers are building a bridge to reach the Boy Scouts of America.

"When we received a phone call seeking volunteers to support the Boy Scouts, I was so excited to be able to come here and help out such a great organization," said Sgt. Francisco G. Amaya of the C/577 Engineer Battalion, out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The way in which they would come and contribute to the National Scout Jamboree would be to add the experience of highly trained Army engineers to the Army Adventure Area. For Soldiers used to "adventures" of a slightly different kind, it sounded like a welcome change of pace.

"As engineers, we're used to building obstacles and getting through them," said Spc. Michael J. Rose, of the C/577 Engineer Battalion, out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"We build bridges, and also assemble and disassemble minefields. It's not uncommon for engineering platoons to attach with infantry units and perform route clearing missions on the front lines.

This Scout Jamboree sounds like fun."

"There are many similarities between Scouts and Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Dustin J. Freitas, NCOIC of the Army Adventure Area, and an AIT (Advanced Individual Training) instructor at the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood. "We all perform similar missions and enjoy the same kind of things. We all follow similar values, and would have no problem working hand in hand."

At this week's Jamboree, the Army Adventure Area will be filled with different types of goods to show off; constructed and demonstrated by different units in different fields of the armed services, but the Engineers believe they've got themselves some attention-grabbers.

"We got the static display of the Stryker engineer squad vehicle, used for clearing paths out there on the field," said Freitas. "The Scouts get to take a nice, close look at one of the newest vehicles used by the engineering units."

Then there's a makeshift museum,



Staff Sgt. Dustin J. Freitas ties off his rope bridge...

packed into a genuine Army medium-sized tent, set up to show and describe the 15 different entry-level engineering Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs).

"Scouts that are drawn into the museum and take a walk-through will get an understanding of the different duties and responsibilities performed by engineers in our Army," said Amaya.

But those static displays are just the warm-up. Scouts who came in search of merit badges will have to earn one on a pioneering course that perhaps only an Army engineer could dream up.

"At one point," said Freitas, "they'll have to use twigs and rope to build their own foot bridge."

And if a Scout doesn't want to cross a bridge he built himself, well, these engineers will have one of their own all ready. Nothing too complicated, really. Just two ropes and a safety harness. For the veteran Soldier, it's a Basic Training flashback without the net. For the Scouts, however, it might be one of the highlights of their Adventure Area adventures--and a real crowd-pleaser for any passersby.

"The Stryker may be awesome to look at," said Spc. Keith W. Porter, of the C/577 Engineer Battalion, out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., "but the rope bridge might to be the most fun. It will show Scouts that they will need to exhibit not only balance, but also Personal Courage."

But don't worry, Scout moms: "Our safety officers here are strapped in and ready to respond quickly," said Amaya. "Any scout that goes down and dangles from the safety rope can expect a quick rescue."

That, and maybe some good-natured ribbing from the rest of his troop.



...and then heads out on a test drive to the other side.

Goings On...

photos by Army Maj. Vince Mitchell



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The Scouting Report:

Performing Units Schedule,
July 26-27

Tuesday

0800-0915: "Army" Balloon
0800-0915: 214th Ground Forces Band
0800-0915: Cannon – Fort AP Hill
0800-0915: CINC Guard
0900-1000: 451st USAR Army Band
1100-1130: US Navy Drill Team
1130-1150: US Navy Leapfrogs
1400-1430: US Navy Drill Team
1530-1600: US Navy Leapfrogs
0900-1700: US Army Barrel Racer
0900-1700: US Army Bikers
0900-1700: US Army Dragster "The Sarge"
0900-1000: 85th Division USAR Band
1000-1030: CINC Guard
1100-1200: 214th Ground Forces Band
1300-1400: 85th Division USAR Band
1530-1600: US Navy Country Current
0900-0930: Continental Army Brass Quintet

Wednesday

1500-1600: 451st USAR Army Band
1600-1700: 85th Division USAR Band
0800-0915: 451st USAR Army Band
0800-0915: Cannon – Fort AP Hill
0900-0930: US Navy Country Current
1000-1035: Golden Knights
1300-1330: US Coast Guard Drill Team
1400-1500: 214th Ground Forces Band
1000-1030: U.S. Coast Guard Drill Team
1100-1200: 214th Ground Forces Band
1500-1530: Continental Army Brass Quintet
1630: 85th Division USAR Band
1630: 313th AG Band
1700: 451st USAR Army Band
1715: 214th Ground Forces Band
1300: Arena Show Rehearsal
1700: "Army" Balloon
1800-1820: Navy Leap Frogs
1820-1900: 85th Division Jazz Ensemble
1900-2000: Armed Forces Color Guard
1900-2000: Herald Trumpets
1900-2000: 214th Ground Forces Band
1915: Navy Flyover
1945: Air Force (B-52) Flyover

Safety First...

Watch out for ticks, heat stroke and dehydration. Treat all snakes as poisonous.

MWR STUFF

This Week's Movies

(All movies at 2100)

Monday, July 25

Ocean's Twelve
(Rated PG-13)

Tuesday, July 26

Meet the Fockers
(Rated PG-13)

Wednesday, July 27

Constantine
(Rated R)

Thursday, July 28

Million Dollar Baby
(Rated PG-13)

Recreation Centers

Pool Hours:
1000-2000

Wilcox Hours:
1000-2400

Community
Activity Center:
0530-2400

On Monday, July 25, three additional vendors will arrive at the food court. Keep an eye out for... Funnel Cakes, Tavern of Port Royal and Hornes.

NSJ is 206th's Last Stop Before the Box

The 206th Broadcast Operations Detachment, based in Seagoville, Texas, is off to Iraq. But the unit whose motto is "We'll Make You Famous" came a long way to interrupt their traditional mobilization training to get some of the real-world kind here at the National Scout Jamboree. By the time they left on Sunday, a two-star general, and a live audience, were glad they came.

*Story by Army 2nd Lt. Michelle Lunato
Press Information Officer, 206th BOD*

When the American public thinks of Soldiers deploying to Iraq, most have images of infantrymen, aviation crews and military police. These Soldiers work tirelessly in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. But there is another group of Soldiers most people don't know exist in the military, except maybe from "Good Morning Vietnam."

The 206th Broadcast Operations Detachment's motto is: "We'll Make You Famous." These Soldiers support thousands of servicemembers by being the voice of America. They help tell the American public military stories that would be otherwise left untold. They work vigorously to inform, entertain and motivate deployed servicemembers.

These Soldiers are members of the 206th Broadcast Operations Detachment, an Army Reserve unit from Seagoville, Texas.

This 90th Regional Readiness Command unit is the newest of four BODs in the entire U.S. Army, and it is already on its way to Iraq. Its main mission is to operate an Armed Forces Network radio and television affiliate. The Soldiers will broadcast news, music and sports to thousands of servicemembers. Their secondary mission is to create video stories on other units and events around the country.

In the big picture of the War on Terrorism, both of these missions are significant to servicemembers' morale. The regular shows and voices provide stability,

said Maj. Wendy L. Rodgers, commander. "It's routine and consistent, where war is not."

The shows are more than just a source of permanence, they provide knowledge and fun.

"The BOD mission is important because it gives the troops the opportunity to be informed and entertained," said Rodgers. By keeping them up to date on things back in America, "it brings them a little piece of home."

To a servicemember thousands of miles away from home, this can mean a lot.

"I wouldn't want to be out in the middle of nowhere and not know what is going on in the rest of the world," said Sgt. Mark J. Howell, broadcaster.

However, before leaving the United States, a lot of training must be completed. Regardless of mission, all deploying Army units must train on a vast list of Soldier skills that includes firing weapons, convoy operations and improvised explosive devices. These tasks can be challenging and grueling at times, but prepare the Soldiers for conditions in Iraq.

With so few BODs in the Army, radio and television training is somewhat more difficult to come by. To answer this dilem-



*Photo by Army Spc. Bryan Randolph
Army Maj. Gen. Yingling, JTF-NSJ commander, thanks 2nd Lt. Michelle Lunato for her service at the Jamboree.*

ma, the 206th left its mobilization site in Fort Polk, La. and came to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

Here the Soldiers set up a radio station truck complete with a satellite and 50-foot antenna. They ran live shows daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., plug-in satellite shows for the evenings and gathered video stories from around the base.

This critical training was welcomed, said Rodgers. "Being at A.P. Hill gives us the opportunity to train in an actual broadcast environment that is not available at any mobilization site."

This exercise is more than just a change in training sites to the Soldiers. It is a real-life chance to hone their skills and expertise by playing to a live audience (in a slightly less pressurized locale).

"It is preparing us to work on the equipment we will use in Iraq," said Spc. Aaron R. Salinas, technician.

The experience of setting up a radio station from the ground up was invaluable to the Soldiers, said Staff Sgt. Winfred L. West, a 206th technician and its noncommissioned officer in charge.

Howell, who has already worked in Army radio for the past four years, agreed that this actual “face-to-face with the equipment” is the best way to learn. “We could read a user manual until we fall asleep, but until we actually put our hands on the equipment, you’re kind of blind and don’t get as much out of it.”

Erecting a station antenna, gathering video footage and running live radio shows does not only get the Soldiers familiar with the equipment, but sharpens their skills as well.

“It was quite nerve racking,” said Spc. Michelle J. Guy, technician and broadcaster, right after her first Army radio show. Being able to do that show with the more experienced Howell, put her more at ease though. “He’s so confident that it made me feel good,” said Guy.

The nerves of being ‘on-air’ were not the only thing these Soldiers had to overcome though. Like any operation, there were technical and weather difficulties, but the 206th Soldiers decided to use these time delays and challenges as a teaching tool.

“Through every experience, you gain knowledge,” said Sgt. Latasha N. Moore, technician.

With this knowledge also came teamwork, said Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Sheely, technician and broadcaster.

“More than anything else, they [the younger Soldiers] are getting more of an idea of what is expected of them and how to work as a group.”

As technical expertise is honed, unit members’ ‘on-air’ personalities are developed and unit cohesion is tightened. Despite the dangers that certainly await them in Iraq, the Soldiers of the 206th say they are excited to get overseas and put their unit motto into action.

Iraq may not be the best place in the world to be right now, but our mission helps the service-members over there, said Sgt. 1st Class Gail E. Anderson, broadcaster and radio NCOIC.

“Whether you agree with the reasons we are over there is irrelevant,” said Anderson. “I’m going over there for the troops.”

Before these troops left, however, they



Army Staff Sgt. Winfred West, technician NCOIC, inspects

were due for some appreciation from the Task Force Commander of this year’s National Scout Jamboree support, who wanted to honor the 206th personally for staging its training where attendees to the Jamboree will be entertained all week by the 206th’s labors. “Thank you for setting up for the Boy Scouts because we’re going to have some 1,800 soldiers listening to 100.7 ARMY from your antenna,” Yingling said. “And I thank you for answering the call for service to your country.”

“You’ll be very important in Iraq because you’ll be providing some linkage to home, when they hear the song that they like or the song that reminds them of their wives or spouses,” Yingling continued. “Again, thank you and I wish you good luck and Godspeed.”



Army Sgt. Latasha Moore and Army Pfc. Stephen R. Triplett, both technicians with the 206th BOD, hook up their antenna to cables leading to the radio station truck.

For more information about Army Broadcasting, go to the the Armed Forces Radio and Television website @ www.afrts.osd.mil

